

session rendering process only, as recited in independent claims 1 and 13 and similarly recited in independent claim 6.

In stark contrast, Menezes, in col. 31, lines 38-41, merely discloses a system for controlling communications between a first and second facsimile machine, where following decoding and decryption the system passes the decoded data file to any required renderers. Menezes decrypts the data before rendering occurs, and thus, Menezes fails to disclose or suggest a method to decrypt the partially decrypted document as part of the session rendering process, as recited in independent claims 1 and 13, and similarly recited in independent claim 6.

Gennaro and Jacobsson are both silent regarding any rendering, and therefore, even if Menezes were combined with the other applied references in the manner suggested by the Office Action, the combination of features recited in independent claims 1, 6 and 13 would not be achieved.

II. Conclusion

In accordance with the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 6 and 13 define patentable subject matter. Claims 2-5 and 7-11 depend from independent claims 1, 6 and 13, respectively, and therefore, also define patentable subject matter, as well as for the additional features they recite. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the §103(a) rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-13 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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